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EMPLOYED IN MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND
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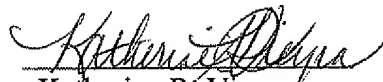
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Chinese Patent Publication No. CN 1348740 A, dated May 15, 2002, together with English Abstract of corresponding European Patent Publication No. EP 1 197 178 A1, dated April 17, 2002.

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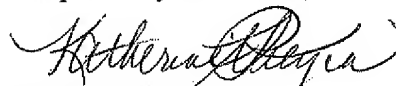

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The reference was cited in an Official Action dated June 27, 2008, received from the Chinese Patent Office. A copy of the Official Action is enclosed. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited reference required by 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii). The relevance of the reference is described in the Official Action. Please note that the other reference cited in the Official Action, namely, Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-307523, dated November 2, 2000, was previously submitted in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement dated May 18, 2004.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant also submits the requisite \$180.00 official fee pursuant to § 1.17(p) by means of authorization to charge deposit account 19-1013/SSMP.

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